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Memorandum

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 2, 1968

FROM : C. L. McGowan

1 - Mr. Rosen
1 - Mr. Malley
1 - Mr. McGowan
1 - Mr. Long

SUBJECT: MURKIN

The following action was taken by Extra-Duty Supervisor [redacted] on 6-2-68, regarding location by Canadian authorities of a passport issued to Ramon George Sneyd:

Legal Attache [redacted] London, England, was telephonically contacted. He advised that there would be no record maintained on an individual entering England or any of the Commonwealth under Canadian passport. He pointed out that if a person arrived on a plane from Canada at London, he would merely present his passport to Immigration officials who would stamp the passport but no record would be made of the person's entry.

[redacted] stated there were several avenues of investigation possible in London which are: (1) check of British Overseas Airlines Company (BOAC) passenger manifests to determine if a person by the name of Sneyd was on an incoming flight. In this connection, he noted that this is a holiday weekend in England and that Monday, 6-3-68, is a holiday, similar to our Labor Day, and he doubted if such a check of BOAC records could be undertaken before 6-4-68; however, he would explore the possibility on 6-3-68. (2) Circularize the name of Ramon George Sneyd through the Hotel Security Officers Association to determine if Sneyd was registered in a London hotel. He pointed out that there was no guarantee that such circularization would not be leaked to the press. (3) Circularization through the Metropolitan Police Gazette which is a periodical sent to all police agencies in the United Kingdom. Here again while the Gazette is supposedly restricted to police agencies, information contained therein very often comes to the attention of the press. (4) Arrange for widespread publicity through news media of subject's photograph and descriptive data.

[redacted] was instructed that at this point all investigation should be handled in a discreet fashion and that he should take no action concerning circularization through the Hotel Security Officers Association or the Metropolitan Police Gazette and no publicity to news media unless specifically authorized by the Bureau. He was instructed to have a check of BOAC records instituted as soon as possible.

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In connection with past information indicating Ray might desire to travel to Rhodesia, [redacted] advised that all British are banned from travel to Rhodesia and, therefore, he would have extreme difficulty using a Canadian passport to leave London for Rhodesia but he did point out that a person could fly from London to some point on the continent and from there travel to Rhodesia.

Legal Attache [redacted] Ottawa, Canada, advised at 1:45 p. m., 6-2-68, that Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) had reported no new developments to him and that if he did not hear from them by 5:00 p. m., he would call them and thereafter call the Bureau bringing the Canadian investigation up to date. He pointed out that RCMP is checking regarding whether or not there was a legitimate birth certificate filed for Sneyd. In connection with the handwriting examination being done by RCMP, he said a comparison was being made with the signature on the lease executed by Galt in Montreal. RCMP is also checking to determine what records BOAC maintains in Canada concerning London passengers. [redacted] was advised that an FBI Identification Record was located for one Paul Osborn Bridgeman, [redacted] indicating Bridgeman had been fingerprinted by the Department of Correction, Jefferson City, Missouri, on 4-23-65, and could very well have been confined to the Missouri State Penitentiary at the time Ray was confined there.

[redacted] will attempt to get passport application and photograph of Sneyd in the mail to the Bureau 6-3-68.

[redacted] was instructed that all investigation in Canada regarding this matter should be handled in a discreet fashion.

ASAC Cliff Halter, Memphis Office, was telephonically advised of the developments concerning the Canadian passport issued to Sneyd. SAC Robert Jensen, Memphis Office, subsequently called and suggested that Legat, Ottawa be requested to have laundries in the vicinity of the Chinese rooming house checked to determine if photographs of Ray could be identified by them. SAC Jensen also suggested that as soon as photographs of Sneyd are obtained from Legat, Ottawa, copies should be sent to St. Louis and Chicago to be shown to Ray's relatives.

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SAC Karl Dissly, Kansas City Office, was telephonically advised of the Canadian developments and was furnished background concerning Paul Bridgeman, [redacted]. SAC Dissly advised that the Department of Correction, Jefferson City, Missouri, is the Missouri State Penitentiary. He was instructed to immediately have appropriate record reviewed and set out necessary leads to locate and interview Bridgeman concerning his knowledge of subject Ray and present whereabouts and to determine if Bridgeman is now or was in Toronto, Canada, in April of this year.

ACTION: For information.